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**Title:** SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN BROKERS AND TRADERS USING A  
MESSAGING FORMAT  
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**Examiner:** Kellie L. Campbell

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Respectfully submitted,

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